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FISHING INDUSTRY RECEIVES SHIPS, MACHINES

GIZHIGINSKAYA BAY FISHING EXPANDS, IMPROVES -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 196,
20 Aug 49

In the postwar period, industrial fishing in Gizhiginskaya Bay has made considerable progress, with new regions opened up, collective fisheries improved, and fishing equipment increased. The growth in herring fishing in the upper part of the bay has come about by attracting the Koryak and Kamchadal local population, formerly engaged in hunting and reindeer raising, to ocean fishing. The development of collective fisheries has brought about the utilization of the rich regions on the west and east coasts of upper Gizhiginskaya Bay, particularly in regard to the herring catch. In 1940, only three collective fisheries caught herring for the Gizhiga Fish Combine and had a total catch of 9,000 centners. In 1948, six fisheries were engaged in catching herring and the catch increased 400 percent.

Formerly, fishing was done only in the mouth of the Umaybukha River by casting nets. Fixed seines have now been introduced for the first time. In recent years, the fishing regions have expanded and now extend to Rechnays Mataga Island.

The early appearance of herring in the mouth of the Chaybukha in the spring necessitates a mass concentration of fishermen in a small area, and the work is further hampered by the lack of mechanized unloading facilities. The combine must improve its shore facilities in order to provide continuous unloading and processing and to lengthen the season for catching herring in that region. Another problem which the combine must resolve is to lengthen the season and expand the region by more extensive use of equipment and ships, enabling the catch to be done far off shore and in the vicinity of Vnutrennaya Bay during the autumn season. Observations made in 1947 - 1948 on schools of feeding herring in Vnutrennaya Bay near Taygonos Peninsula indicate the possibilities for mass catch of herring in the fall. The combine expects to receive more aid, particularly in new equipment, from "Glavmurmrybrom" (Main Administration of the Amur Fish Industry). The fall herring catch requires new equipment for ships, particularly net platforms and hoists. The depth of Vnutrennaya Bay is suited to the use of purse seines and alaman nets for herring. -- A. Drozdov, fishing engineer, Gizhiga Fish Combine

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KIROV OBLAST SHIPS IN BLACK SEA SERVICE -- Izvestiya, No 200, 25 Aug 1949

Odesa -- A fleet of fishing ships built in Sosnovka has arrived at the Black Sea. The ships traveled 3,500 kilometers, going via the Vyatka, Kama, Volga, and Don rivers, and the Azov and Black seas. At Stalingrad they were transported from the Volga to the Don on special railroad platforms. No accidents occurred en route and all the ships are now at sea.

FISH COMBINE BUILDS CUTTER FLEET -- Moloday Dal'nevostochnik, No 158, 20 Aug 49

Workers at the Chumikan Fish Combine, Tuguro-Chumikanskiy Rayon, Khabarovsk Kray, have completed construction of several automotive and nonautomotive fishing vessels. Each cutter has special cabins for the crew. The fleet recently put out to sea toward the fishing region.

ASTRAKHAN' SHIP-REPAIR BASE BEARS SCHEDULE -- Volga, No 141, 20 Jul 49

The Mumra Ship-Repair Base is the main fleet repair enterprise of the Astrakhan' Oblast Administration of Motorized Fishing Stations. The base fulfilled its 6-month gross-production plan 100.5 percent. In a short time, current and medium repairs were completed on 29 large ships, instead of the planned 23, for anchovy expeditions. The base is also building new low-tonnage mechanized seiners and has converted to the continuous method of production. Mechanization and continuous methods have enabled the base to utilize low-skilled workers and to speed construction 40 - 50 percent. Ninety-nine workers out of 121 are Stakhanovites and ten are shock workers. The schedule for repair of ships for the autumn fishing season is being considerably exceeded.

NET-HAULING MACHINES FOR FISH INDUSTRY -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 178, 30 Jul 49

Petrozavodsk -- On Lake Onega, tests have been completed of new net-hauling machines made by the Leningrad Experimental Machinery Plant. Units have been installed on ships of the "Kawasaki" type. Each machine during the course of an hour pulls in 60 - 70 fixed nets. Pulling in nets by hand took three times as long.

Ships of the Priozhenskaya and North Ladoga Machine Fishing Station, Petrozavodsk Fish Combine, and Shal'sk and Sortaval'sk Fish Plants are being equipped with these net-hauling machines.

NEW TRUST ORGANIZED IN GIZHIGINSKAYA BAY -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 197, 21 Aug 49

Gizhiginskaya Bay is one of the least utilized fishing regions in Khabarovsk Kray. Scientific expeditions studying the fish reserves in Far East waters have maintained the possibility of extensive development of industrial fishing in this region. By decree of the Council of Ministers USSR, the Severo-Okhotsk State Fish Trust (director, A. A. Sychugov) is being organized on the base of the Nayakhan-skiye and Gizhiginskiye fisheries. The trust will utilize the fishing resources of the northeastern Okhotsk Sea and, in particular, Gizhiginskaya Bay, which is rich in herring reserves.

Plans for future years include increasing, by several times, the capacity of existing enterprises by extensive mechanization. New fish plants will be built, particularly in Vnutrennaya Bay and Sredniy Gulf. The basic work will be done next year, but wide-scale housing construction should begin now on the coast. For this purpose, 120 prefabricated houses and a raft of timber will soon be sent from Vladivostok.

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The enterprises have started to obtain machinery. The first four fish-pumping installations and two large tractors have already arrived. By the end of the navigation season, six additional pumps, various types of engines, and a locomobile with a generator will be received. A group of young fish-industry specialists are on their way to the region.

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